

**RESULTS OF 2019/2020 SCHOOL BUDGET VALIDATION REFERENDUM  
MAY 28, 2019**

Town Clerk, Sandra Clifton, opened the meeting on May 28, 2019 at the Rose M. Gaffney Gymnasium at 6:00 P.M. with the Flag Salute. Ms. Clifton read the Greeting and Return of the Warrant. Nominations were accepted for moderator and Toff Toffolon was appointed. The meeting was turned over to Mr. Toffolon after he signed his oath.

ARTICLE 2: On a motion by Teresa Saddler, seconded by Carolyn Nadeau, the town voted to accept the article as written. Richard Larson spoke in opposition to this article and Superintendent Scott Porter responded.

ARTICLE 3-11: Teresa Saddler made a motion to accept Articles 3-11 as written, the motion was seconded by Carolyn Nadeau. Town Manager, Christina Therrien asked questions regarding how much funding was cut and why. Mr. Porter responded that it was partially due to lower enrollment. Ms. Therrien also asked if the \$694,350.39 for Special Education in Article 3 was the amount for Machias students only. Director of Special Education, Mary Maker responded by saying that it was the Machias portion. The town voted to accept the articles as written.

ARTICLE 12: On a motion by Richard Larson, seconded by Teresa Saddler, the town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 13: (Written Ballot) After the Moderator read the article, Richard Larson spoke as to the large increase. Ms. Therrien asked how this compared to other towns. Mr. Porter responded that there were so many variables that he really couldn't make a comparison. A motion was made by Teresa Saddler, seconded by Carolyn Nadeau and the town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 14: On a motion by Teresa Saddler, seconded by James Whalen, the town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 15: On a motion by Teresa Saddler, seconded by Carolyn Nadeau, the town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 16: On a motion by Teresa Saddler, seconded by Carolyn Nadeau, the town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 17: On a motion by Richard Larson, seconded by James Whalen, the town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 18: On a motion by Teresa Saddler, seconded by Carolyn Nadeau, the town voted to accept the article as written.

ARTICLE 19: On a motion by Teresa Saddler, seconded by Carolyn Nadeau, the town voted to accept the article as written. Richard Larson asked if this amount (\$225,000) will be available from fund balance each year. Mr. Porter stated that the amount available from fund balance each year is not guaranteed.

Motion to adjourn was made and meeting adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

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*Sandra M. Clifton*  
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TOWN CLERK, MACHIAS, MAINE  
DATE 5/28/19